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Identical letters dated 9 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 9 February 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 9 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Activities carried out on Sunday, 9 February 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

A team of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. to conduct radiation surveys at the following sites: the Rayah State Company and its factories, the Zahf-al-Kabir Company and its factories, the Ibn al-Haytham site belonging to the Karamah State Company (all these sites are owned by the Military Industrialization Corporation), the Dhat al-Sawari Company and the electric light-bulb factory belonging to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals (all these sites are in the Taji district north of Baghdad). On completing its assignment, which lasted two hours, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

Group I

A first group, composed of five inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.20 a.m. for the Ministry of Education's Badr al-Kobra co-educational primary school in the Ghazaliyah district of Baghdad. Using a metal detector, the group checked to see whether any metals were buried in the front and rear schoolyards. It then asked the school headmistress to show it where the underground sewage disposal and drinking water pipes were located and used high-precision equipment to try to detect the presence of metals. It dug two trenches, which it inspected thoroughly, but found only pieces of metal and ceramic. On completing its assignment, which lasted six and a half hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, composed of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. for the site of the Baghdad Dairy Company, a private company. The group met with the production manager and asked him about the entity to which the Company was affiliated, whether it had factories in other districts, the number of employees, the date of its establishment, its daily output, tests made in the laboratory and whether it cooperated with other dairy companies. The group also inspected all the Company's facilities. On completing its assignment, which lasted one hour, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

A first group, composed of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 7.30 a.m. for the Mu'tasim Centre belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). After removing the tags it had placed earlier, the group inspected the buildings it had not searched the previous day (8 February 2003) when the keys had not been available. Those buildings contain classrooms, workshops, storage areas and offices. On completing its assignment, which lasted one hour, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, composed of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.35 a.m. for the site of the Batani State Company, an MIC subsidiary, in the Jadiriyah district of Baghdad. The group met with Company officials, meticulously examined the declarations concerning the Company, asked about changes made in the Company and about its future plans and inspected the laboratories. On completing its assignment, which lasted two and a quarter hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group III

A third group, composed of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.15 a.m. for the Ma'mun Factory belonging to the Rashid State Company, an MIC subsidiary. The group met with the factory director and asked him to fill out an UNMOVIC form, then inspected all the factory buildings. On completing its assignment, which lasted three hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC joint inspection team

Group I

A first group, composed of 13 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. for the Taji munitions depot belonging to the Ministry of Defence. Using an X-ray device, the group examined empty military warheads in one of the warehouses. On completing its assignment, which lasted five hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, composed of nine inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.50 a.m. for the Iba' Agricultural Research Centre in the Abu Ghurayb district west of Baghdad. The group met with the Centre's director and enquired about the Centre's sites, its goals and activities, its affiliations, its sources of funding and any links between it and government ministries or other establishments. The group then inspected all the Centre's facilities. On completing its assignment, which lasted four and a half hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Mosul

The team, composed of 10 inspectors, left the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul at 9 a.m. for the site of the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Unit of the Nineveh Health Department (Ministry of Health). The team met with the Unit's officials and asked them for the name of its director and enquired about the number of employees, the Unit's sources of funding, when it had been set up, whether it had received any new vehicles and whether its task was to maintain vehicles or to adapt them. The team then inspected all the site facilities. On completing its assignment, which lasted 45 minutes, the team returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul.

VI. Interviews

UNMOVIC asked to interview two experts in a Baghdad hotel. The National Monitoring Directorate informed the two experts of the scheduled time and place of the interview and encouraged them to comply with the request. The first expert refused to meet the inspectors at the hotel. He said that he would have no problem meeting them on the premises of the National Monitoring Directorate in the presence of a Directorate official. The second expert arrived at the appointed time and place but asked to be allowed to tape the interview in order to protect his rights. UNMOVIC refused.